

Extract from Report of operations in Kodiak-Afognak District  
for period of September 1-15, 1927 - Warden Howard M. Hungerford.



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Sept. 10. Left Mush Bay 8:30 a.m. with Wm. E. Baumann and two others up Uganik River. Arrived at lake 1:30 p.m. Established camp at site of old eyeing station on lake shore, which has almost entirely disappeared. High water mark along lake shore is at least 8 feet above present level. It is very probable that lake does not reach that level every year. The lake is crescent in shape, about 4 miles long by  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide; water slightly muddy at this time.

Sept. 11. Examined larger stream at head of lake coming in at right hand corner. Found very few salmon in lower 3 to 4 miles; Dolly Varden rather numerous. Above canyon some 4 miles up, found reds rather abundant in main stream as far up as we went, some 4 miles on above canyon. Good flow of water in main channel. Water too low in side streams to afford safe spawning grounds, the bear picking them up as fast as they enter.

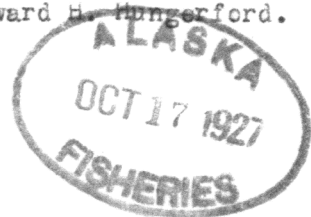
This stream has a very wide bed of clean gravel; ash seems to have washed out fairly well; evidently changes its course through this wide flat during freshets each year; has extensive area of very excellent spawning ground; water slightly muddy, evidently heads from small glacier near south side of the island. Estimated 20,000 to 25,000 reds spawning at time of visit. Stream capable of accommodating several million salmon. Dolly Varden plentiful, no other salmon noted.

Upon our return crossed over ridge and came down stream to left which enters lake near larger stream; found it much smaller than other stream, badly choked with ash and not subject to freshets; water very muddy from ash, very few fish spawning, they being mostly in small tributaries of clear water; as water was low bear had destroyed most of them. Reds rather numerous in lake around mouths of both streams. All seemed to be waiting to enter the streams. A few chums noted at this point.

Sept. 12. Went completely around lake and examined shores closely; no salmon spawning in lake, no streams entering lake except the two visited at head, no fish were seen except around the mouths of those streams. It is reported that salmon do not spawn in this lake.

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